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Secretary's Staff Meeting, October 1, 1973

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

The Secretary decided:

- p. 5 1. That the Cambodian MAP question will be taken up at the WSAG Meeting October 2.
- p. 13 2. That he would talk to Senator Harry Byrd about the question of a cruiser for Turkey.
- p. 15 3. That we keep our Embassy in Tripoli open and to that end work out whatever arrangements we can on the passport issue in such a way as to give a minimum benefit to the Libyans.
- p. 18 4. That a call on Nigerian President Gowon should be worked into the schedule in New York.
- p. 26-27 5. That so far as the new government of Chile is concerned, we should not support moves against them by seeming to disassociate ourselves from the Chileans and on the other hand should not be in a position of defending what they are doing in Santiago.
- p. 31&34 6. That with regard to Ambassadors appearing before Congressional committees, Ambassadors come back from time to time on consultation and should be available on a case by case basis for discussion with committees on items on which the Department cannot provide full information (i.e., local scene in

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SECRETARY'S STAFF MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1973 - 3:27 P.M.

PRESENT

The Secretary of State - Henry A. Kissinger

Kenneth Rush
William J. Porter
Curtis W. Tarr
Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.
Jack B. Kubisch
Joseph J. Sisco (P.R.)
Rodger P. Davies (P.R.)
Arthur W. Hummel, Jr.
David D. Newsom
Robert J. McCloskey

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MR. HUMMEL: We'll have it on paper in the next day or two -- an update on the situation.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Jack?

MR. KUBISCH: Today's Newsweek is carrying really the first reputable report about Allende's death in Chile. Their correspondent there is reporting that something over 2700 politicals have been killed. The Government has acknowledged 284 deaths.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Executed or killed?

MR. KUBISCH: Just killed. There's knowledge that there have been 284 deaths, but the Newsweek correspondent apparently bluffed his way into a morgue and found 2700 bodies.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: But how do you get from 284 to 2700?

MR. KUBISCH: Because the daughter had told him that's the story, that they had listed 250 corpses. That's the basis for his story; he saw only 250 corpses himself.

More may come out in coming days. We really don't know; our Embassy hasn't been able to confirm it. We recommend caution.

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SECRETARY KISSINGER: "Caution" in what way?

MR. KUBISCH: Caution in not trying to get ourselves too closely identified that the regime there in Chile is not as bad as people say.

As I say, we don't want to get into the position of defending what they have or haven't done.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: But we don't also want to get into the position of explaining horror.

MR. KUBISCH: No; on the contrary. We are continuing to fulfill our commitments to the Government with foodstuffs, medicine, and so on.

For example, in some of these Congressional hearings, I've been asked: "How many people have been killed? Is it true, the rumors we hear?" And I just have to say: "We don't know. We don't have substantiated facts. We can tell you what the Government has announced."

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Yes. I agree that we should not knock down stories that later prove to be true, nor should we be in the position of defending what they're doing in Santiago. But I think we should understand our policy -- that however unpleasant they act,

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the government is better for us than Allende was.

Small paraphrasing

[So we shouldn't support moves against them by seemingly disassociating, and we certainly shouldn't defend them with more internal repression than we should stay out of.]

Is it going to come up at the UN?

MR. KUBISCH: I don't think so. You know, the Cubans raised this, at one point, in the Security Council.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Then it was going to come up again?

MR. KUBISCH: There was a possibility that it would come up again, but the later word that I've seen is there's not wide support for it being reopened. I don't know.

MR. SISCO: Not as a formal agenda item.

I do know, Mr. Secretary -- as expected in these informal debates -- some people make reference to that in these debates. But other than that I don't know.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: No. Joe, do you have anything else on this?

MR. SISCO: No, sir. There's one thing that's

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